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Artists are always on the lookout for the next places that will inspire them and give them the freedom to do what they love. What happens after that? These places become destinations everyone wants to visit. Here are three cities that have attracted a critical mass of early adopters. Catch them now, while they're fresh.

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Ojai, CA

When the duo behind Shelter Social Club hotels took over the Ojai Rancho Inn (above), they made a cozy base for visitors seeking out the town's farm-to-table eateries, funky shops, and artisanal food purveyors.

ojairanchoinn.com

Detroit, MI

Motor City's urban renewal is being fueled by such artists as Megan O'Connell and Leon Johnson. They throw book-and-bread dinners and run a food lab out of their letterpress studio, Salt & Cedar. saltandcedar.com

Providence, RI

The Brooklyn-based design team ASH NYC debuts its flagship hotel, the Dean, in January. A cool crowd is sure to congregate at the beer garden and in the lobby, which has an outpost of local coffee roaster Bolt. thedeanhotel.com